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FOR VELIOTES, NEA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR PLOS ENRG TS LY
SUBJECT: TUNISIAN-LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF
DISPUTE: TUNISIAN POSITION UNCHANGED

1. REGRET I WAS ABSENT FROM EMBASSY DURING YOUR PHONE CONVERSATION WITH MONTGOMERY TODAY. HOWEVER, UPON RECEIVING MESSAGE SPENT NEXT THREE HOURS ENDEAVORING TO CONTACT FONMIN CHATTI OR SECTY. OF STATE TURKI9 FINDING THEM ENGAGED WITH PRIME MINISTER IN MARATHON PLANNING SESSION FOR MEETINGS WITH AL SECCTPOM RIADH, I SAW AMBASSADOR MEJDOUB, DIRECTOR EUROPEAN-AMERICAN DIVISION, AND OBTAINED HIS PROMISE TO INFORM MEETING OF CONTENTS YOUR TELEPHONE CALL AND CONTENTS HABIB LETTER TO THORNTON.

2. I ASKED MEJDOUB FOR OUTRIGHT ASSURANCE THAT GOT POSITION RE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF "J.W. BATES" WAS UNCHANGED. HE GAVE ME THAT ASSURANCE CATEGORICALLY. HE ADDED THAT THIS POSITION "WOULD BE THE VERY LAST POSITION TUNISIA WOULD YIELD". I EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT LIBYANS IN LONDON HAD MISINTERPRETED SENSE OF TUNISIAN COMMUNIQUE (SEE SEPTTEL TODAY'S DATE) ISSUED AFTER POLITICAL BUREAU
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MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA.

3. I ALSO OBTAINED FROM MEJDOUB PROMISE THAT HE WOULD RELAY TO PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER MY REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE HIGH-LEVEL BRIEFINGS ON OUTCOME OF TRI-LATERAL MEETINGS CHAIRED BY RIADH WHICH MAY COMMENCE THIS EVENING.

4. I LEARNED FROM MEJDOUB THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD
ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF CONTENTS OF HABIB TO THORNTON
LETTER BY TELEPHONE FROM AMBASSADOR HEDDA.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: URGE YOU TO ASSURE READING AND
BATES PRESIDENT THRNTON SOONEST THAT GOT POSITION ON
IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL REMAINS UNCHANGED.
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